

Taxes Keep Solons On Needle Points

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Some of the toughest problems to crack legislatively are those having to do with taxation. We all know that the state and all its subdivisions can only get necessary operating revenues by levying taxes. But headaches do arise when it comes to deciding what to tax, how much the rate should be, and what exemptions, if any, should be granted.

These questions apply equally to state taxes and to property taxes levied for local purposes. We realize that in some form they will confront any legislative body which has changed responsibility for raising governmental revenues probably to the end of time. Changing conditions force frequent reconsideration of what has been done, even in the field of taxation.

The field of tax exemptions is perhaps as touchy an area as we are called upon to deal with. Our State Constitution requires that all tangible property shall be assessed at its market value, and taxed accordingly for local purposes. Certain exemptions are afterwards named, and the list has been added to from time to time.

RECENTLY the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Revenue and Taxation held a hearing on one of the knottiest and most controversial exemption problems to come before us in some years. It relates to taxation of materials imported into this country for remanufacture. Goods as ordinary as coffee, tea and cocoa; crude rubber and mineral ores; hemp, jute, and newsprint, are all involved. Historically, such materials, before being turned into finished goods, have been considered exempt from local property taxation under that provision of the U. S. Constitution which says, "No state shall without the consent of the Congress lay any imposts or duties on imports or exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection laws."

BUT IN 1959, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that imports on the manufacturer's premises, regardless of whether they are still in their original packages, can be taxed by the local assessors of port states. Following this new decision, in 1960 several California county assessors levied taxes on such imported materials.

Vigorous protests came from several groups connected with California industries which use imported materials to produce goods which compete on a large scale with similar goods of other states which do not tax imported materials. Two bills which would have exempted many specified materials from taxation while still in their original packages were introduced in the 1961 session. Both passed the assembly, but both died in senate committee. They were later set for interim study.

AT THE HEARING, proponents of some form of exemption reviewed their arguments. Primarily, the state, to tax raw materials is to place their manufacturers at a sizeable disadvantage in relation to competing processors in other states. Local tax rates in California are relatively high—around four per cent—and cannot be absorbed without loss of profits. This causes employment to drop, and otherwise damages the California economy.

They pointed to the fact that Louisiana passed a constitutional amendment to exempt such imports from taxation. Florida, Mississippi, Oregon, and Texas also have exemption laws. They were joined by spokesmen for a labor union, which reported that its mem-

Poster Making Class Slated

Publicity and art chairmen of community groups and volunteer leaders of youth groups will be especially interested in a workshop in poster making to be offered by the Torrance Recreation Department beginning Thursday.

The class, which will meet three Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center, 22730 Lupine Drive, will include effective design and the making of posters by the silk screen process.

The only fee will be 50 cents for materials; each individual will make a poster in the class. Register for the class by calling the Recreation Department, FA 8-5310, Ext. 263.

Offer 'Instant' News Service

"Instant News" is the theme of the more than 106 Shell for Governor headquarters throughout the state, says Mrs. Nancy Wade, publicity chairman for the Torrance area.

Mrs. Wade explains that newsmen have been given a 24-hour telephone contact, in order to verify information, get statements, last-minute information, or any data concerning the Shell campaign, at any time of the day or night.

Shell's publicists began their marathon reporting officially at the stroke of midnight, April 30. This 24-hour service is also

being done in order to give local newsmen or bi-weekly editors an even chance with the daily papers in obtaining fresh, last-minute news stories, with their deadlines considered.

You're Not Alone . . .
YOUR NEIGHBOR IS READING THE HERALD TOO!

Housewives' Swim Class Due Monday

Torrance Recreation Department has announced that Housewives' Swim Classes will be held at the Victor E. Binstead Plunge starting next Monday. Classes will be held twice a week for three weeks. Class times are 9 a.m. for swimmer and intermediate skill, 10 a.m. for intermediate and beginner, and 11 a.m. for beginner and advanced beginner.

Three Diseases Reported Here

Two cases of measles, one of hepatitis and a case of mumps were reported to the county Health Department from Torrance for a week-long period ending May 5.

Broadway Gets Phoenix Store

Broadway-Hale Stores, Inc., yesterday announced that an agreement had been signed with Korrick's, Inc., Phoenix department store, under which Broadway will acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Korrick's in exchange for 100,000 shares of Broadway-Hale Stores common stock.

The transaction is subject to certain approvals and conditions expected to be fulfilled before June 30.

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